

CORPORATION COUNSEL DEFENDS HEALEY IN COURT FOR NOT ENFORCING FENDER LAW

Your fender law has been stalled again. And there is more "funny business" to come.

When a city council passes a law to protect citizens by putting fenders on auto trucks, then repasses it five times with little changes; when it orders the chief of police to enforce the law and when he doesn't, something is wrong.

But when a corporation counsel paid by the people sends his men into court to protect the chief of police who refuses to carry out the provisions of the law passed unanimously by the counsel, the whole business looks rotten.

That's what happened today. Two attorneys from the corporation counsel's office appeared before Judge Walker of the circuit court to defend Chief Healey, against whom a petition for a writ of mandamus has been filed in the fender case.

Judge Walker knew that the council received an order at its last meeting protesting against the use of the corporation counsel to defend a chief of police who refuses to make big business interests equip their autos with fenders. An order calling off the corporation counsel's men is now pending in the judiciary committee.

So he asked the men from Ettelson's office if they were going to defend Healey in spite of the fact that the council may order them not to do so.

Asst Corporation Counsels Cleveland and Devenish answered that they would not if the council so ordered. The case was put over until after the next meeting of the council so the attitude of that body could be determined.

Judge Walker was in favor of this. "If you are going to withdraw," he said to the men defending Chief Healey, "there is no use even hearing the testimony and arguments."

The new delay in enforcement of

the fender law will probably be about two weeks. Meanwhile people are being killed and maimed regularly by fenderless auto trucks.

It will enable the foes of the fender law, and they are now showing themselves in the open, to make themselves stronger in the council. And it will allow the killing of more pedestrians on the streets of Chicago.

The latest delay is simply another bump in the scarred face of the fender law. It has been tossed about, pigeon-holed and fought in the council, on State street, by the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n and by the trust press for almost three years.

—O—O— POSTAL AUTHORITIES MAY HIT AT "LITTLE REVIEW"

A radical editorial in Margaret C. Anderson's "Little Review" seems to have aroused the ire of the U. S. postal inspection service.

Beyond admitting that the matter was under advisement, M. L. Igou, acting district attorney, refused to discuss the case, but it is known that an investigation is being made and that the opinion is held in official circles that the editorial is a clear violation of the law prohibiting the sending of certain kinds of literature through the mails. It was intimated that publication of the "Little Review" will be ordered discontinued if it is found that the law was violated by the editorial.

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Washington.—Special train left Chihuahua yesterday to bring employes of Yohiro Development Co. and other Americans who have taken refuge with them from Minaca.

Stockholm.—Ford permanent peace tribunal, minus several members, held first formal session. Commission will first study causes of war.

Providence, R. I.—The state rested its case in murder trial of Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr shortly after noon today.